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WSP's Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team Featured In International Publication

Police Chief Magazine, the publication of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, has printed an article written by WSP Chief Lowell M. Porter in the most recent, September, 2004 publication. The article highlights the State Patrol's emphasis on identifying and taking appropriate enforcement action on aggressive drivers through the Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT).

The piece, seen by thousands of law enforcement personnel worldwide, discusses the beginnings of this emphasis with a partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Association and the Washington Traffic Safety Commission in 1998. At that time, the WSP began the pilot project of using unmarked patrol vehicles to apprehend aggressive drivers. Today, with continuing support of both organizations, the WSP has 46 unmarked vehicles on patrol throughout the state and are backed up by aircraft patrols.

In 2003, the ADAT program contributed significantly to public safety in Washington, making 9,361 aggressive driving contacts. At the same time, fatalities were reduced by 11% and collisions by 8%. Thus far in 2004, ADAT has made 6,301 contacts, and fatal collisions were reduced by 16% from last year at this time.

To read Chief Porter's article, go to:

http://policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display&article_id=407&issue_id=92004

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